Removal of subsidy on LPG

1055. SHRI S. SIVASUBRAMANIAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking steps to plug the drainage of subsidy being given to the domestic gas cylinders which are being used unauthorisedly by the catering units, tent houses and banquets in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM. AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (c) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies carry out refill audit of their LPG distributorships at regular intervals to ensure that domestic cylinders are not diverted for commercial use. During the course of refill audit, if any deviations are observed, action against the concerned LPG distributor is taken in terms of Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG), 2001/PG Distributorship Agreement and LPG (Regulation of Supply and Distribution) Order, 2000.

Shortage of CNG supply in Delhi

1056. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even though CNG has been implemented for all modes of transport in Delhi, there is a huge shortage of CNG in Delhi;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to improve the position of CNG supply in Delhi;

(c) the number of CNG filling stations which are operational; and

(d) the number of stations likely to be set up to cater to the demand of the vehicle population of Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) Sale of CNG in Delhi as on 01.07.2001 was

around 1.85 lakh kg./day against installed capacity of 2.15 lakh kg./ day.

(b) Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) has taken following steps to further enhance the supply of CNG in Delhi:—

- Orders have been placed for higher capacity compressors.
- The total CNG stations would be increased to 87 by September 2001 and to 120 by March 2002.
- The existing 39 daughter stations arc proposed to be upgraded to daughter booster stations progressively by December 2001.
- Action has been initiated to lay 23 kms. long gas pipeline connecting Dhaula Kuan with GT Kamal Road.
- In addition, 50 retail outlets have been identified for colocating CNG dispensing facility.

(c) 72.

(d) 120 by March end 2002.

Import of exploration equipment from USA

†1057. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had imported any equipment from an American company for the exploration of Gas;

(b) if so, the name of the company from which the said equipment was imported alongwith the cost of the same;

(c) the amount paid to the company against the equipment and whether quality of the equipment has been examined before making payment;

(d) if so, whether the equipment is working, if not on what basis the payment has been made and the persons who has given order for making payment to the company; and

(e) what action Government are taking against the company for committing a fraud in such a major contract?

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